

To: Yogi, David[Yogi.David@epa.gov]
From: Allen, HarryL
Sent: Tue 8/11/2015 5:45:23 AM
Subject: Re: draft update

great update - great job David (and Secody)!

From: Yogi, David
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 10:36 PM
To: Harris-Bishop, Rusty
Cc: Allen, HarryL; Wise, Robert; Nattis, Randy; Hubbard, Secody
Subject: RE: draft update

Here's an update on our section. I'm working on a full report out now...

Two Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs) arrived in Farmington Sunday. CICs met with Navajo Incident Command in Shiprock Sunday evening for an update on outreach activities to date. It was reported that by the end of 8/10, approximately 75% of Navajo communities along San Juan River had been reached by Navajo teams. Community Health Representatives from Navajo working to finish outreach to remaining communities. On 8/10, CICs attended two special chapter meetings arranged by Vice President Jonathan Nez and provided an update on EPA activity to date. At both chapter meetings, held at Aneth and Olijato, Vice President Nez participated, along with Attorney General Ethel Branch and local chapter officials. Present at the Olijato meeting were NNEPA Executive Director Dr. Donald Ben and special advisor to President Begaye Peterson Zah. The CICs will partner with various Navajo officials, Navajo incident command, and other responding agencies to ensure comprehensive outreach to all affected Navajo Chapters.

From: Harris-Bishop, Rusty
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 10:03 PM
To: Yogi, David
Cc: Allen, HarryL; Wise, Robert; Nattis, Randy
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Thanks. I'll wait for David's edits and send out in the morning if that's ok. I'm beat and heading to bed.

Rusty

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2015, at 10:32 PM, Yogi, David <Yogi.David@epa.gov> wrote:

I'll add some more detail soon we just got to farmy and getting something quick for dinner to go

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On Aug 10, 2015, at 10:16 PM, "Allen, HarryL" <Allen.HarryL@epa.gov> wrote:

EPA Region 9 Activities

The discharge has moved quickly and was last observed between Kirtland and Shiprock, NM. Navajo officials reacted days prior to the observed impact, assessing their well fields and drinking and irrigation water intake systems and issuing a precautionary "do not use" public service announcement regarding water from potentially impacted sources. On 8/8, the President of the Navajo Nation declared a State of Emergency for the San Juan River valley. Region 9 held a coordination meeting today with Navajo Nation EPA (NNEPA) and Navajo Department of Public Safety.

Region 9 has deployed an On Scene Coordinator (OSC) to the Durango Incident Command Post to coordinate Region 9 activities with an EPA Area Command in Region 8. The Region has also deployed a Public Information Officer (PIO) to participate in a Joint Information Center (JIC), presently in Durango, with and other the affected Federal, State, County and Tribal agencies.

Region 9 deployed an OSC to the Farmington Incident Command Post today to coordinate field activities and stakeholder requests for assistance. The ICP is co-located with EPA Incident Commanders from Region 6 (Dallas, TX office).

The Navajo EPA surface water monitoring program (Shiprock Office) collected water and sediment samples from the San Juan River - prior to the spill impact and have since established 8 fixed monitoring stations to be sampled daily. The strations stretch along the San Juan between Shiprock, NM and Mexican Hat, UT. Region 9 has provided 6 START contractors to coordinate and

conduct increased sample collection and lab analysis in conjunction with NNEPA (a static map of the sampling locations "Overview" is attached).

Today START contractors tried to pinpoint the leading edge of the waste water discharge plume near Hogback, NM. Though not clearly visible as before, contractors conducted conductivity monitoring and collected samples from the area in an attempt to identify downstream impacts. Also, coordination calls today with Federal agencies, State of AZ, Coconino County and City of Page officials and congressional representatives suggested the need for sampling even further downstream in the Glen Canyon, Lake Powell and Coconino County segments of the San Juan River. EPA has begun to coordinate efforts with those of the Bureau of Reclamation and US Geological Survey to share information.

NNEPA also requested drinking water sampling support immediately for Navajo operated water intakes. A USEPA drinking water expert has been deployed and is working with NNEPA to inventory and assess water sources including private wells and intakes. USEPA will establish and provide a 1-800 telephone for private citizens and entities to request well water sampling.

Region 9 has hired a contractor to coordinate with Navajo Tribal Utilities Authority (NTUA) to deliver water to the areas impacted by the discharge. The Montezuma Creek well development area was closed as a precaution prior to any impact. EPA contractors are collecting NTUA provided water from the Sweetwater wellfield and delivering it to the Montezuma Creek service area.

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